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Dear Anne

Your news has been received, giving an account of the Norfolk Co. Meeting, for which I thank you. Colver must have appeared very ridiculous. A man who means to be a rogue must never be honest, for his honest admissions at one time will surely bring him into trouble sooner or later. It gladdens it seems to me that he would not quarrel & then immediately went at it with all bitterness. Garrison, you know, lectured at Worcester to a full house - then at Townsend on Monday Eve. Stowell would not let him into his house, but gave him his vestry. Boutwell drove him in my chaise to T. & made up to Stowell's door - I came to the door, but did not speak to G, though introduced to him, so much for clerical dignity. G came to my house the same night. The next day Phillips, A. A. Phelps, & St. Clair arrived. I inquired of the two latter if they had come to fight. They said no, they wanted a quiet meeting. But at the moment they had the opportunity, they attacked G. & non-resistance with all violence. I defended him, & said little.

They continued it all the afternoon, asking
a thousand captious questions. It was so apparent
that they had come to fight, that I thought it
best to let them go on & show out their whole
object. I think the effect has been good, though
some were disgusted & went home. One man from
Lewell declared that he had seen nothing like
an A.S. meeting, & as he came to attend one, he
would go home. We had no contention the second
day, the afternoon of which was solely occupied
by a lecture from G. I called for a vote whether
G. should address the meeting. The votes were
pretty numerous, & none objected. The lecture
was one of G's best, & all seemed to be pleased
with it. Some had got into the house, who
would, no doubt, have been glad to have
been out of it, but they sat quietly. A circumstance
occurred, the end of which may not yet be seen. D
Phelps, last Sabbath, declared in his sermon, that
the design of the Abolitionists & other reformers
was to promote their own licentiousness, so I
understood him - so others understood him.
Dec. Dickson was in the meeting, & said, that he
had recently heard a gentleman say so & so -
repeating the sentiment uttered by Phelps. D Phelps
said he supposed that the last speaker meant
him, but that he had said no such thing, &
he was sorry to see any one so suspicious.
Dickson assented to it, & D.P. did not come to the afternoon meeting.

I am thankful that Dickens unmasked the hypocrites,
& banded the wolf in his den. At 6 o'clock &

J.A.B. dined with me the first day, but generally
eat with D. O. They appeared to fellowship him most
cordially - an indication of the course they are going.
Phillips behaved, as usual, well. He took their
uncivil remarks with great good humor.

Woolbury was very pleasant. He is desirous more to
be on good terms with every body. I was disappointed
me. He manifested a bad spirit - at least it appeared
so.

I have not given you as full an account of
our meeting as you gave me - it is not in my power to do
so - I cannot report speeches.

In my Herald of Freedom received to day is another
letter of Galt's, with excellent notes by Rogers. He says
that "I am not augmenting his name as a clear & consistent
writer," &c. There is an article ^{by Rogers} on Dr. Channing, expressing
similar views with those recently published in the
Liberator. Also, 2 anonymous articles which appeared in
the Lib. some weeks since. - I see by the last Aboli-
-tionist, that the Beverlys speak well of that
paper. Montebell from Andover was at our meeting.
He is an Agent for that paper - did not get many here.
Who pays all their Agents for getting subscribers? They
are scattered thick over the country. It should be
made the special duty of the Mass. Agents to be
as active with the Grass. - Mary is quite
interested in preparing for the fair - I think some-
thing may be done here. - I have no doubt that you
would "have to see them work to make the \$1000,"
at sewing, I suppose you mean.

Yours ever J. F. Farnsworth

I wrote Stanton the other day in relation to the
 Abolitionist. He has not answered, but I learned
 from St. Clair that it was not likely. Phelps, Stanton
 & St. Clair held a discussion over it.

I believe I told you that I had given Gerrit Smith
 an account of our troubles. He has briefly replied
 "Thanking me for my very full account."
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Said.
 H. F.

Just now I mentioned never to write to the
 St. Clair concerning. But in the same
 I find my desire to be there in person. I have
 not yet determined the matter. You say you
 will do so. You are sure & suppose, that you have
 been considered much for a long time. So there
 will be so many going from Boston, you have nothing
 to do but to stop in the car, & you will be gratified.

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